

## **Camp Echo Bridge**

The Newton Parks & Recreation Department is working with the Newton School Department on offering an exciting inclusive summer program that focuses on fun while bridging recreation and academics in the summertime.

## **Camp Goals**

- To provide a positive recreational experience that fosters friendship and fun
- To teach lifelong leisure skills
- To help prevent academic regression over the summer months by providing academics through fun teaching methods
- To promote a greater degree of independence
- To meet the individual needs of our campers

## **Camp Programming**

Theme-Based Weeks,  
Sports, Games, Arts & Crafts,  
Nature, Music, Speech Therapy/Social  
Pragmatics, Functional Math &  
Language Arts, Swimming at Crystal  
Lake, Special Events, Field Trips,  
Theatre, Camp Show

## **Camp Location**

Camp Echo Bridge will be held at  
Mason Rice School located at 149  
Pleasant St, Newton, MA 02459. The  
school is centrally located in Newton  
Center and is a great place for summer  
camp. We will walk to Crystal Lake for  
swimming on Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Thursday.

## **Ages & Units**

The camp is open to participants  
between the ages of 6–21. The camp is  
broken down into ten classrooms/units.  
The units are based on age, so that both  
activities and academics are age-  
appropriate. The camp is inclusive and  
welcomes campers with and without  
disabilities.

The majority of our campers are  
elementary school children between the  
ages of 6-10. Programming for these  
campers focuses on teaching and  
improving recreation and leisure skills,  
providing academic support through fun  
teaching methods, building friendships  
and, most importantly, having fun!

The camp also caters to middle school  
and high school students. Programming  
for these campers focuses on recreation  
and leisure, functional academics,  
leadership, building friendships and of  
course, having fun!

### **ELEMENTARY UNITS**

**Dolphins**

**Seals**

**Gators**

**Sharks**

**Monkeys**

**Eagles**

**Buffalo**

**Lions**

### **SECONDARY UNITS**

**Bears**

**Tigers**

## **Day Camp Dates**

Day camp for Camp Echo Bridge will  
run Tuesday, July 5- Friday August 12  
Registration is flexible in that campers  
may register for any number of weeks.

## **Sample Daily Schedule**

**Varies based on unit**

8:00 – 8:30	Extended Day
8:30	Arrival/Sign In
8:30 – 8:45	Morning Meetings
8:45 – 9:15	Social Club
9:15 – 9:50	Arts & Crafts
9:50 – 10:25	Walk to Crystal Lake
10:25 – 11:00	Swimming
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch & Free Choice
12:30 – 1:00	Math Madness
1:00 – 1:30	Sports
1:30 – 2:00	Language Arts All Stars
2:00 – 2:30	Music
3:00 – 3:30	Closing Circle
3:30 – 6:00	Extended Day

## **Payment:**

<b>Fees:</b>	<b><u>Resident</u></b>	<b><u>Non Res</u></b>
<b>Standard Day</b>	<b>\$210</b>	<b>\$225</b>
<b>Extended Day</b>	<b>\$270</b>	<b>\$285</b>
<b>Till 6:00</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$315</b>

Fees listed are per child per week. Week  
1 is \$40.00 less and will not run on  
Monday, July 4th.

Standard Day	8:30am – 3:30pm
Ext till 5:00pm	8:00am – 5:00pm
Ext till 6:00pm	8:00am – 6:00pm

Final payments are due May 15, 2016. A \$25.00 late  
fee will be assessed for late paperwork or payments.  
Mastercard or Visa is accepted. For information  
about scholarships, please call 617-796-1527

Refund Policy: People canceling a week(s) of camp  
on or before May 15 will be given a refund of that  
week (s) tuition cost minus a \$30.00 per-week non  
refundable registration. There will be no refunds  
issued for programs after May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Academic Enrichment Activities

Thanks to the Newton Public School Department we will be offering three academic areas again this summer. They include Math Madness, Language Arts All Stars and Social Club. The academic enrichment activities will be offered through fun teaching methods that coincide with the weekly themes.

*"The camp has always been a perfect fit for our daughter. The academic/social piece was like icing on the cake – she loved it and had fun and learned so much!" - Parent*



## Residential Camping Trip

Campers ages 10 & up, who have attended a minimum of 2 weeks of day camp, may be eligible for this unique experience. This summer we are delighted to announce that we are returning to Club Getaway in the Berkshire Mountains of Kent, Conn. This Sports & Adventure Resort is loaded with fun activities and it will truly be a memorable way to end our summer. All meals, transportation and supervision included. Program includes hiking, campfires, adventure activities, evening entertainment, sports, dance parties, arts/crafts, swimming, and water sports. More information about Club Getaway can be found online at [clubgetaway.com/kids](http://clubgetaway.com/kids). Camp eligibility is based on their day camp experience.

**Dates & Costs: 4 days 3 nights**  
**Sun. August 14 – Wed. August 17**  
**\$525 (Resident) \$575 (Non-Resident)**

## Staff

The staff consists of the Director of Special Needs, Camp Directors, 3 Teachers from the Newton Public Schools, Unit Leaders, Sports & Arts Specialists and Counselors. We recognize the importance of mature and qualified staff and have selected staff based on their enthusiasm, dedication, and experience. Staff is certified in CPR and First Aid.

*"Staff – professional, responsible, fun, safe – always made my day." - Parent*

The staff and the program meet the Commonwealth of Massachusetts camping standards. The camp is licensed by the Newton Health Department. Parents may request, in writing, copies of any and all camp policies.

## What to bring to camp:

Campers should wear comfortable appropriate clothing including sneakers (no crocks or flip flops please) and socks. They should bring a bathing suit and towel each day as we swim at Crystal Lake and water play at camp is utilized on very hot days as well. Campers should also have sunscreen and a water bottle in their backpack. Lunch and snacks should be brought from home and will be kept in your campers backpack. Please label clothing, towels and other personal items.

## Camp T-shirts:

All enrolled campers receive a Camp Echo Bridge T-shirt. Camp T-shirts are to be worn on Fridays for our all day special events or field trips.

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## Summer 2016

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Setti D. Warren**

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*"This is a camp with a heart. It is exactly  
what we hoped for our daughter."*

*Parent*